THE NORTH POLE IS HIS GOAL

Anthony Fiala Believes Fr. Frederick Cook May Reach It--- Was Splendidly Equipped.

may have been discovered. Dr. Fred- ly in the morning and at evening. erick A. Cook, the arctic explorer, may be the finder. Anthony Fiala believes Dr. Cook is close to the pole if not actually there.

live in Brooklyn. The last heard of bears. him was March 17 last, when he was "One time when Dr. Cook was away on the polar ice north of Cape Thomas from camp on a trip I prepared dog Hubbard, 560 miles from the pole. He food for the spring campaign. We was on the eve of making a dash for found a way to prepare dog food that first opportunity. it, accompanied by a few Eskimos, with will give Dr. Cook an immense advandogs, sleds and supplies. Mrs. Cook is confident her husband will overcome all obstacles and return safe. It will be impossible to hear from him again before next summer.

When Dr. Cook started a year ago last spring for a polar hunting trip with John R. Bradley, a wealthy New Yorker, he had no intention of trying to grab the north pole. They went in a '110 ton Gloucester fishing schooner, renamed the John R. Bradley, with Dr. Cook in command.

When the hunting trip ended in August, 1907, it was expected that Dr. Cook would come back on the schooner, but at Annortok, on the northwestern coast of Greenland, he decided to remain and make a dash for the pole, says the New York Evening World. Rudolph Franke, a member of the crew, volunteered to stay at Annortok and watch the supplies. He recently returned to New York with a letter from Dr. Cook, dated March 17, the polar sea, north of Cape Hubbard. In it Dr. Cook said: "I am taking a straight course for the pole. I hope to succeed. At any rate, I will make a desperate attempt."

Franke, speaking of their experiences in the far north, said in part: "On the night of Aug. 26, 1907, the John R. Bradley discharged the stores and provisions, also the outfit, at An-

Aug. 27 at noon, bound for New York. "Early in September our winter quarters were in first class condition, and we began to lay in a stock of meat for the winter.

nortok, and the schooner left us on

"We used the whole month for hunting. Before the long night set in Dr Cook made a sledge trip to the Big Humboldt glacier and returned to winter quarters at the beginning of the long arctic night. It was at this time very cold, 30 or 40 degrees below zero The ice was not always firm, being broken up and then closed together.

Ere this the long sought north pole; and traveling was dangerous, especial-"Dr. Cook was nearly drowned and escaped with his life in an encounter with polar bears. The grease in the guns was so hard that he could not use them, and they put knives on long

tage over all other explorers. "In the middle of November our furs were nearly gone. Then came the holidays of Christmas and New Year, you are very well."-New York Times. but we did not have much time to devote to them.

"Jan. 10 Dr. Cook sent me over to Flagler bay with three Eskimos to hunt for musk ox and to look after the people who we supposed had been left there from a shipwreck, but we found nobody. The thermometer registered 73 below zero.

"The last weeks we were together there was a lot to do, and, everything being completed, we started on Feb. 26 for the far north. I remember it was early noon when we left our quarters and camped the first night in three snow houses on the ice floe in Kane darkness, we again saw the sun and reached Cape Sabine late in the evening. Here we were storm bound the next day. The last day's march brought us to Rice strait, ten miles northwest of Greely's memorable winter quarters of 1883-4. The next march brought us in Flagler bay, and Dr. Cook sent me back to Annortok March 3 with the first division after placing provisions at the head of Plagier bay to guard our winter quarters.

"I believe that everything is O. K. with Dr. Cook, but of course something must be done next year for his

Members of the Peary club and the Explorers' club have for some weeks been discussing the advisability of fitting out an expedition to hunt for Dr. Cook. No relief measures can be taken, however, before next spring.

She Liked Variety.

She is a very nice little girl, and yet she has an imagination so vivid that people can't help wondering once in awhile what is going to become of it. The little girl can and does tell the

most marvelous tales, and when she is reproved she is entirely complacent and cannot see that her effective inventions are anything more than jokes. One of these she told to an interested neighbor at whose house she called frequently.

"How is your mamma, dear?" asked the neighbor one morning when the little girl made her appearance.

"She is very sick," answered the little girl earnestly. "Nelly (her sister) and I were up with her all night. We called the doctor." But when the kind neighbor went in haste to see her sick Dr. Cook's wife and two children sticks to defend their lives against the friend she found her in every respect as well as ever.

"Why did you tell kind Mrs. Blank such a story about me?" asked mamma seriously of her little girl at the

"Well, mamma," said the little girl, with a toss of her curls, "Mrs. Blank asks me every single morning how you are, and I get tired of telling her that

ADRIFT IN A BALLOON.

Experience at Sea of International Bal-

loon Racers. On board the steamship Prinz Wil helm, which recently arrived at Leith, Scotland, were Dr. Niemeyer and his assistant, Hans Heidemann, the crew of the German balloon Busley, one of the competitors in the great international balloon race which was held at a suburb of Berlin.

Dr. Niemeyer and Herr Heidemann arrived in London wearing cheap basin. The next day, after 140 days of ready made clothing which they bought in Edinburgh, virtually having been maked when rescued. The sallors of the collier which picked them up lent them garments until they could purchase others.

Their story of the hours when they believed they were facing death upon the night waves of the North sea is thrilling, says a special London cable dispatch to the New York Sun. After being blown over Cuxhaven they were not alarmed at the prospect of being carried across the sea. On the contrary, they were elated, for the wind was driving them northwest, and as it was estimated their gas would last fifteen hours they saw a prospect of landing in England and winning the race. But a little later the wind veered and, blowing with terrific force, drove them northward through pitch darkness and bitter cold. When they realized the situation Dr. Niemeyer exclaimed, "Now we have done it!" "Yes, we are in for it," responded Heldemann, and each was silently busy

with his own thoughts. Presently they saw the lights of two or three ships far below. They shouted and signaled with their electric lamps in vain. They were driven helplessly the lights of the Prinz Wilhelm and signaled frantically, and at last the steamer's foghorn answered them.

Dr. Niemeyer, telling the story, said: "Heidemann shouted, 'We are saved!" but we little knew. The worst was yet to come. Suddenly we realized that we were traveling much faster than the steamer and unless we opened the valve and dropped the chance of rescue would be gone. I opened the valve of the balloon, and the car struck the waves with tremendous force. The car, being weighted with ballast, instantly sank, and we were submerged to the armpits.

"We climbed the ropes and grasped the extension ring. There was enough gas left in the balloon to keep it above the water, but the whole thing was driven flopping through the waves which buffeted us in the darkness. We were suddenly thrown into consternation to see the Prinz Wilhelm's lights growing dimmer, and we watched them lessening until they almost disap-

"We could not believe that we were abandoned. It must be that we were still speeding faster than the steamer. The gas bag acted as a sail, and our only hope seemed to be to rip it. Pulling the ripping cord with all the strength left in my numbed arms, the envelope collapsed on the water, and

the car sank deeper. "Half frozen and choked by the waves, which we could not avoid; with eyes smarting from the salt water and naked except for our trousers, having hastily stripped in readiness for a swim, we still held on for our lives with our hands, having lost all foothold when the basket sank.

"The steamer's lights were now mere specks in the darkness. So they had abandoned us. 'Men, men, how can you forsake us? It isn't human! I shouted fullely.

"Then the lights vanished altogether. We saw our end near. I said to Heldemann, 'I cannot hold out much longer.' "'Nor can I,' he answered quietly.

hold our bands touched. We involuntarily clasped fingers. "'Goodby." I said. 'It won't last much longer.

"As we gripped the netting for a new

" 'Goodby!' responded Heidemann. "I shut my eyes to await the end Suddenly out of the darkness we heard a shout. It was a human voice, the sweetest sound I ever heard. Rapidly nearing us was a boat which the Prinz Wilhelm had sent to find us.

"Catch held of the ear!" shouted a voice in the German tongue, and the boat drew alongside, and the brave sallors with difficulty helped us or

"I hardly know how we fought death and won. Twenty minutes later the steamer came up and took us on board. It picked up the balloon too. The cap tain and crew treated us in the best possible manner, and, thank God, we are here to say so. But we are disappointed that we did not win the

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La Velle The Clothier on the Corner.

ble balloon. The French and German craft have cost from \$250,000 to nearly \$500,000 each. An aeroplane can be as the champion girl baseball pitcher, built for less than \$2,000, and the mar- entered Wooster university the other ket price will probably soon be about afternoon as a member of the junior

Tolstoy's Sense of Honor. At one music party at Count Tolstoy's a lady's singing displeased the count's boys, and they adjourned to another room and made a noise. Their father best patience and went after them, and a characteristic admonition ensued. "Are you making a noise on pur-

pose?" he asked. After some hesitation came an a swer in the affirmative, "Y-y-yes." "Does not her singing please you?"

"Well, no. Why does she how!?" declared one of the boys, with vexation. "So you wish to protest against her singing?" asked Lyeff Nikolaevitch in a serious tone.

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